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Pet ownership: A life-long labor of love

By Capt. Amy Pike

Fort Huachuca Veterinarian

Owning a pet is serious business. It begins with the decision of what kind of animal to get, and continues throughout the animal's life. There are big financial and emotional costs that come with pet ownership. By choosing the right pet, being financially responsible for the animal, and providing a loving home, medical care and basic necessities, your pet will become a true member of your family.

Before you acquire a pet, you need to evaluate your current and future lifestyle. Do you live in an area that allows pets? How often do you plan on moving over the next 10-15 years? If you move, are you willing to sacrifice where you can and can't live? Do you have, or are you planning on having, children? These are all things to consider.

Many young newlyweds get their first dog or cat because they aren't quite ready for kids. Then, when the kids do come along, the dog gets put outside in the yard and no one pays

any attention to it anymore. That isn't fair to the pet.

Now that you decided that having a pet is right for your lifestyle, you need to decide what type of pet. Puppies and kittens are cute and cuddly when they are young, but they grow into rambunctious dogs and cats. Based on your lifestyle assessment, you need to figure out whether a cat or dog is better, and then what breed.

If you choose a specific breed, do your homework. Some cat and dog breeds will incur more medical bills over their lifetime than others. Obviously, big dogs need big bags of dog food thus becoming more expensive in the long run. Some dog breeds require more exercise than you will be able to provide. Some dogs are going to be too protective. Some dog and cat breeds require regular, professional, grooming. Do the research ahead of time, and you won't be surprised.

Owning a pet is also a big financial responsibility. Not only the initial purchase or adoption price, but initial and annual vaccinations, deworming, spaying or neutering,

microchipping, food, kennels, litter and litter boxes, toys, grooming, boarding while away on vacation, annual veterinary exams and possible emergencies. Not to mention obedience training, costs of ruined shoes and furniture, and emergency surgery to remove that missing sock or ball of yarn! It all adds up. Make sure you have the financial means necessary to provide the care and basic necessities that the pet will need over its lifetime.

Be a responsible pet owner, and have your pet spayed or neutered. Each year, thousands of animals are euthanized in shelters because of overpopulation. Do not contribute to the unwanted pet population. Also, adoption from these shelters is a great way to acquire a new companion.

There is an emotional cost incurred when owning a pet as well. Kids and adults alike can get very attached to animals. Although no one likes to talk about it, eventually all pets get old, require medical care, and may have to be euthanized. Are

you emotionally equipped to handle making tough medical decisions throughout the life of your pet? Are you prepared to eventually make the decision to euthanize your loving companion? If these topics are discussed prior to the dreaded moment, it can make things simpler and more emotionally bearable when the time does come.

Don't forget that with the proper nutrition, quality medical care, and proper preventive medicine measures, animals can live longer than they ever did before. We are seeing dogs that are 16 or 17 years old (or older), and we recently saw a 28 year old cat! Where will you be in 20 years? That dog that you get for your 8 year old daughter will be living with you long after she goes off to college. Are you willing to make that long of a commitment?

Are you prepared to take the time, energy, and monetary commitment that are necessary for pet ownership? If so, do your homework, find a loving pet, and get ready to enjoy the next 15 or so years of laughter, unconditional love, tears, and pure joy.

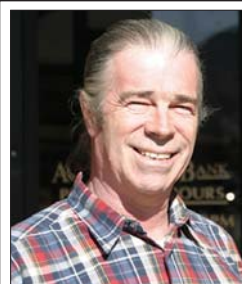
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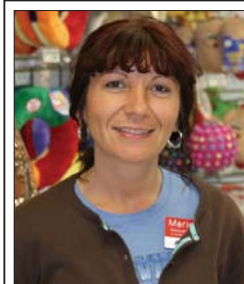
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Post ceremony remembers Holocaust, honors survivors

Story and photo by Thom Williams

Scout Staff

A Holocaust Candle Lighting Commemoration ceremony was held May 4 at the Main Post Chapel. Nine survivors of the atrocity attended.

Dr. Gail Wallen, director of the Holocaust Services for the Jewish Family and Children Services of Southern Arizona was the guest speaker.

Wallen talked to the audience of Soldiers and civilians about the "Legacies of Justice," the theme for this year's "Days of Remembrance" commemoration.

Wallen's speech focused on the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials that took place just after World War II, where an international military tribunal tried and punished those responsible for war-crimes.

Wallen drew parallels between the Nuremberg Trials and the trail of Saddam Hussein.

"While the echoes of Nuremberg can be heard where every trial of genocide occurs, it is a sad and very shameful fact that Saddam Hussein is the first person since Nuremberg to be charged with crimes of aggression," she said.

"Because of the precedence set at Nuremberg, he has been accorded the right that none of his victims ever had, just like the Nuremberg defendants before him"

Nine Soldiers from the Fort, including the German liaison officer, then read poems about events surrounding the Holocaust.

They then lit a candle in memory of those who died, and in appreciation of those who fought against Nazism.

Candles one through six symbolized the memory of the six million Jews that were murdered by the Nazis.

Candle seven represented the memory and offered thanks to all liberators of those imprisoned in concentration camps.

The eighth candle symbolized the memory of the five million non-Jewish people murdered by the Nazis.

Candle nine represented the memory of those who sought out to rescue the Jews and non-Jews during the Holocaust. Jerry Proctor, deputy commandant of Futures, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, presented each survivor with a memento of their visit to the fort.

Col. Thomas Kelley, commander 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, presented

each with a commander's coin.

Wallen then presented Kelley with a large plaque called "Indifference" and thanked him for his support of the Days of Remembrance.

The Holocaust survivors visited Fort Huachuca May 2-4 to speak with Soldiers and civilians at various venues here.

The ceremony was presented by the U. S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca and the Military Equal Opportunity Office.

According to United States Holocaust Memorial museum Web site, Holocaust Remembrance Day is a day that has been set aside for remembering the victims of the Holocaust and for reminding Americans of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred and indifference reign.

The internationally-

recognized date comes from the Hebrew calendar and corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan.

That is the date on which Israel commemorates the victims of the Holocaust.

(Editor's note: information for this article was taken from the United States Holocaust Memorial museum Web site at www.ushmm.org.)



Col. Thomas Kelley, commander 111th Military Intelligence Brigade presents a commanders coin to Holocaust survivor, Rosa Freund, during an awards presentation at the Main Post Chapel. The Holocaust Survivors visited Fort Huachuca May 2-4 to speak with Soldiers and civilians at various venues here.

Fort Marine named DIA Instructor of the Year

Story and photo by Thom Williams

Scout Staff

A Marine instructor at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center's Morse Code School has been named the Defense Intelligence Agency's 2005 General Intelligence Training Systems Instructor of the Year.

Gunnery Sgt. Hope Brice, 32, an instructor of Advanced Morse Communications Interceptor/Locator Collection assigned to the Marine Detachment here, traveled to Washington, D.C., where Lt. Gen. Michael Maples, director, Defense Intelligence Agency, presented her with the award today.

The honor represents the highest award available to general intelligence professionals, and recognizes excellence, initiative and unique contributions in support of General Intelligence Training, according to a message from Rick Ward, chief, Staff and Faculty Development Division, USAIC.

Brice is also the 2005 Distinguished Instructor of the Year for the Intelligence Center here.

"I try and be the subject matter expert on what I'm teaching and make sure that I know everything," said Brice. "I try to inject energy and humor into the subjects I teach, so the students can get excited about it."

Brice said that she has always wanted to be a teacher and gives the Marine Corps credit for giving her enough confidence to get on the podium.

"I used to be really shy and quiet," she said. "I just love doing my job."

Brice instructs classes that includes students from the U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Air Force. She said that she finds her duties particularly satisfying when she helps a student understand the material.

"I remember one student would come up asking the

same questions, he just wasn't getting it, and then when it finally did click it was really exciting to see him go through the rest of the course and understand what he was doing," she said.

Brice's next step competition is the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Instructor of the Year competition. In order to compete for that award, the Marine is required submit a package that includes a one hour video of her teaching a class.

David Germain, executive agent for Morse training for the Department of Defense, put together the package nominating Brice for the Instructor of the Year honor. Germain said that it's the personal touch Brice adds to whatever she does that makes her a standout performer.

The Morse Code Course just consolidated classrooms moving from Davis Hall to Friedman Hall. Brice took it upon herself to decorate the new classrooms with multi-service decorations and motivational posters.

"That just brings an atmosphere of learning and professionalism to the Intel School and the Morse Course in particular," Germain said. "That's the type of thing that I appreciate as the chief of the training section, to know that if something that needs to be done, people like Gunny Brice are there to do it."

Germain also said that to his knowledge, this is the first time USAIC has garnered this honor.

"It's not only a feather for Gunny but for the Morse Course and the Intel Center and Fort Huachuca as well," he said. "Hopefully we are going to get some good high positive visibility that will result in other nice positive things coming to Fort Huachuca."

Brice is a native of Topeka, Kan. and has been a Marine for 14 years. Her first assignment coming out

of basic training was at Fort Devens, Mass. where she attended Morse Code School.

She then traveled to Pensacola, Fla. to learn the signal side of her MOS and she married her husband, Bob, who is also a Marine gunnery sergeant.

The Brices' next assignment was on Guam, where they spent four years, followed by a six-and-a-half year stint at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C..

Fort Huachuca was the next assignment for the Brices and they have been stationed here for more than two years.

When she's off duty, Brice loves to karaoke, a hobby she picked up while on temporary duty in Okinawa. She has a library of songs she considers better than most karaoke bars. She also likes to garden and do crafts, she explained.



Gunnery Sgt. Hope Brice, an instructor for the USAIC Morse Code Course, speaks with Marine Pfc. Mark Brady, while Airman 1st Class Kirk Douglas studies at a workstation in the background. Brice has been named the Defense Intelligence Agency, 2005 General Intelligence Training Systems Instructor of the Year.

HeeBee the wonder dog helps owner

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A hearing dog is trained to hear the sound of knock or doorbell and let the partner know of a visitor; to receive fax transmission and deliver it to the partner; and to let the partner know of an abnormal sound of danger. There has been no established standard or fewer acknowledgements of them yet.

From when they are puppies, they are strictly trained. The dog must show social behavior skills of no aggression, no inappropriate barking, no biting, no snapping or growling, no inappropriate jumping on strangers, no begging and no sniffing of people. Following this basic training, they are trained to be skilled in various functions necessary for each role as "guide dogs", "service dogs" and "hearing dogs".

All dogs cannot be Assistant Dogs. Dogs with suitable character are selected from the many prospective puppies of several certain pedigrees, and trained for several months under strict supervision

for qualification.

The placement of the Hearing Dog must last at least four complete days. By the end of the placement, the recipient

will be able to correctly praise and discipline the dog, care for the animal practice sound work with the dog, control and enforce obedience skills. During the placement, the trainer will go with the recipient and the dog to do city training and go to stores and a restaurant. Also, during the placement, the trainer, recipient and dog will practice sound work and obedience every day.

Assistant Dogs are not "pets" but "dogs in service" that work for their partners. You should not touch them, give them food or call to them loudly. These are basic "Don'ts."

Identification of the Hearing Dog and recipient will be accomplished with a laminated ID card with a photo of the dog and partner and names of both recipi-



Photo by Michael Collins

Canine assistant HeeBee helps owner Denis Moore through the aisles of the Fort Huachuca commissary 'pawing' longer than normal in front of the dog biscuit section.

ent and dog. The dog must wear a blaze orange collar and leash, approved by ADI, with Hearing Dog printed/stitched on it and a cape with the program's logo whenever in public.

Of all sections of the ADA, Title III references service animals most

directly. Title III prohibits privately owned businesses that serve the public, such as restaurants, hotels, retail stores, taxicabs, theaters, concert halls, and sports facilities from discriminating against individuals with disabilities. The ADA specifically requires these businesses to allow people with disabilities to bring their service animals onto business premises in whatever areas customers are generally allowed unless the business can demonstrate that making such modifications alter the nature of its goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations.

Exercise Eagle 2 is heart of JI-CTC

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The 304th Military Intelligence Battalion has the unique responsibility of bringing training at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center on Fort Huachuca to a culminating event under the auspices of the Joint Intelligence Combat Training Center. The JI-CTC is a shared training environment, which brings together Soldiers attending advanced individual training, noncommissioned officers, warrant officers, and commissioned Officers into one large practical exercise. International officers will also participate in JI-CTC rotations. This will add their experiences in creating a true Coalition/Multi-National Force training environment.

Fort Huachuca's JI-CTC is the new standard for realistic training simulation according to Maj. James Reed, officer in charge, JI-CTC. Surrounded by the latest high-tech equipment, Soldiers are thrust deep into an Iraq scenario designed to train them on the latest intelligence tactics, techniques and procedures for dealing with a determined insurgency. Over the course of an intense week of nearly continuous operations, students apply everything they have learned during their professional courses at the U. S. Army Intelligence

Center here.

JI-CTC is essentially a giant, practical, command-post exercise that reinforces intelligence skills employed by military intelligence professionals on the modern battlefield. The JI-CTC staff ensures the intelligence flow is both realistic and dynamic. Students develop proper situational awareness for the commander through their daily battle tracking of threat activity in their unit's area.

A battle simulation exercise called "Exercise Eagle 2" lies at the heart of the JI-CTC experience. Launched in January, "Exercise Eagle 2" provides a realistic scenario for students, many of whom will deploy to Iraq shortly after graduation from their course.

"Lessons learned from Soldiers returning from the field ensure realism and are integrated into the set-up", said Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Campbell, JI-CTC exercise director.

The "Exercise Eagle 2" scenario immerses students in a counter-insurgency operations environment, simulating current conditions in Iraq for military intelligence personnel. Students participate as part of an intelligence section in a battalion, brigade combat team, joint task force, intelligence cell, or theater-level joint

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2006 AER Campaign Statistics

Unit	No. people assigned	No. people contacted	percentage	Total \$
111TH MI	8575	5596	65%	\$8,992.00
11TH SIG	1429	428	30%	\$13,952.00
NETCOM	130	30	100%	\$3,305.00
ISEC				\$828.00
MEDDAC				\$572.00
USAIC	18	117	99%	\$659.00
GARRISON				\$669.00
JITC	15	14	99%	\$320.00
DES				\$114.00
RETIREES				\$145.00
CSLA				\$252.00
DPW				\$0
18TH MP'S				\$0
EPG				\$0
IEWTD				\$0
DPTMS		6		\$0
DENTAC				\$0
TOTAL:				\$37,810.00

The Army conducts the Army Emergency Relief Fund Raising Campaign annually during the period of March 1 through Monday.

According to AER, their main purpose is to "help the Army take care of its own."

The charity helps the Army family by providing emergency financial assistance to Soldiers — active and retired, and their dependants — during verifiable unforeseen and urgent matters such as the death of a family member, the need for food rent or utilities, national disaster, an illness, personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen, and emergency repairs for privately owned vehicles.

AER also awards grants to widows and orphans. They offer a scholarship program for eligible dependents, and interest free loans.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st. Class Jason Sepulveda at 538-7625 or visit the AER web site, <http://www.aerhq.org/>.

Soldier-hero to become action figure

By Sgt. Sara Wood, USA

American Forces Press Service

When insurgents attacked Army Sgt. Tommy Rieman's reconnaissance squad near the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq Dec. 3, 2003, Rieman acted on his instincts as a leader.

With the convoy under heavy fire from rocket-propelled grenades, improvised explosive devices, and small arms, Rieman used his own body as a shield to protect his gunner and returned fire. The Humvees the squad was traveling in did not have doors, so Rieman suffered two bullet wounds and 11 shrapnel wounds, and a soldier in the rear vehicle lost his right leg.

Rieman directed the convoy off the road, out of the kill zone, only to be attacked by another, smaller group of insurgents. Rieman led his men to return fire, and the enemy's weapons were silenced. Rieman then called for a medical evacuation helicopter.

For his actions that day, Rieman was awarded a Silver Star in August 2004 at Fort Bragg, N.C. But now, two years later,

Rieman, who is now an administrative assistant for the Army personnel office in the Pentagon, is being honored in another, unique way. He will soon be appearing on video game screens and in toy boxes around the country.

Rieman is among the first participants in the "America's Army: Real Heroes" program, which aims to honor Soldiers who have shown heroism in the war on terror. Participants will have their lives and military stories recounted in "America's Army," the Army's video game for personal computers and console systems. The Soldiers' likenesses are also being made into plastic action figures.

"I think it's a great project," Rieman said. "It lets people know exactly what we're doing, and they can relate to that, because it's their sons and daughters and family and friends that are being deployed and doing these things every single day. And it's cool on my end, because I get to become an action figure and be put in a video game. Who can say that?"

The America's Army video game

launched in 2002, and the Real Heroes participants are being added as extra characters in the game. Rieman said his character will probably be an instructor at a weapons range or a recruiter showing off the Army's Class A uniform. The game will also recount Rieman's military history and his life.

The game isn't designed to allow people to recreate the Real Heroes Soldiers' experiences in combat, Rieman said, but will tell their stories with the hope of inspiring others to greatness. The game has Army values and morals instilled, and is useful as a tool for young people trying to decide whether to join the military, he said.

"It's a developmental tool for kids in that decision-making age process," he said. "It's out there to educate them."

The action figures will be four to seven inches tall and will recreate each Soldier's uniform and gear the day he earned his award in combat, Rieman said.

Rieman and the other Soldiers recently traveled to Los Angeles, where their bodies were scanned and a rough mold of the

action figures were made. Sculptors are finalizing the figures, which are due out at the end of June, along with the revamped version of America's Army, Rieman said.

Rieman, who has a 7-month-old son and another child on the way, said he looks forward to the day he sees his son playing with his action figure.

"The coolest thing, for me, is to know that my son is going to look up at me in that figure," he said. "How many sons can look at their father and say, 'My dad's an action figure?'"

Rieman, who is approaching his seven-year mark in the Army, said he is unsure about how much longer he'll stay in, but he plans on promoting the Real Heroes program for a long time.

"There's no project out there that honors a Soldier better than this, I don't think," he said. "Just to tell my story -- to tell people, 'This is what this Soldier has done,' inspires people. People join the Army because of that. It's very honorable. In a sense, I will be part of the Army forever."

News

Helmet protects Soldier from bullet wound

By Sgt. Zach Mott

Capt. John McFarlin owes his life to the Army Combat Helmet.

While McFarlin's unit recently responded to attacks on an Iraqi police station in Buhriz, He was hit in the helmet with a shot from an AK-47.

"I was suppressed for a moment and then I got back up" and returned

fire, said McFarlin of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Task Force Band of Brothers' Military Transition Team who oversees the 2nd Brigade, 5th Iraqi Army Division.

A day after the attack, McFarlin was still sporting the damaged helmet. He said he felt unaffected by his

brush with death.

While some see the gear Soldiers are required to wear as cumbersome, the Degraff, Ohio, native touts the life-saving ability of which he now has first-hand knowledge.

"Things are going to happen," he said. "You've got your equipment: you've got your IBAS, you've got

your Kevlar and you've got your eye pro. [You need to] offer as little target as you need while doing your job."

(Editor's note: Sgt. Zach Mott writes for the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Public Affairs Office.)

Vista Transit named "Outstanding Transit Organization" for 2006

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Vista Transit has been selected as Arizona's "Outstanding Transit Organization" of the year for 2006, by the Arizona Transit Association.

This statewide award recognizes Vista Transit for such achievements as ridership growth, excellence in customer service, safety, operations, community relations, and other high performance accomplishments.

AzTA is an Arizona non-profit organization that serves as an advocate for the advancement of public transportation programs and initiatives in Arizona. The Outstanding Transit Organization Award is considered a prestigious honor in the Arizona public transportation community.

Vista Transit is Sierra Vista's public transportation

system, which is operated by the City of Sierra Vista under the Public Works Department's Public Transportation Division. Vista Transit operates 9 buses within the city limits of Sierra Vista, which includes Fort Huachuca. Vista Transit's mission is to serve the community by providing high quality, efficient, and affordable public transportation service to all residents of Sierra Vista, according to Marie Hansen, public information officer, Sierra Vista.

The public is invited to get a free ride on Vista Transit to the Public Works open house to be held at the Pedro Castro Government Maintenance Center at 401 Giulio Cesare, Sierra Vista on May 20 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

For more information call 417-4888.

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Remaining Holocaust survivors share experiences with Fort Huachuca Soldiers and civilians, "lest we forget"



Story and photos by Esau Lolis
Scout Staff

The Fort Huachuca Days of Remembrance program was held here May 3 and 4. The purpose of the DOR observance is to reflect upon, to learn about and never forget what happened to the millions silenced during the Holocaust.

Soldiers from 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, U.S. Army Network Enterprises Command/9th Army Signal Command, the 11th Signal Brigade and permanent party Soldiers and civilians filled Murr Community Center auditorium both days to listen to nine Holocaust survivors relive their experiences.

Less than sixty years ago, six million Jews and millions of others were murdered in Nazi concentration camps as part of a planned extermination of the Jewish race.

Dr. Klara Swimmer, Wanda Wolosky and Irving Senor gave accounts of their ordeals during an interview in the Post public affairs office.

Swimmer was born in Hungary in a small city of 15,000 people including 500 Jewish families. In March of 1944, Swimmer was a high school student.

The 80-year-old survivor spoke with a raspy Hungarian accent recalling memories of the tragedy.

"The Nazis marched into my city, and the first thing that they did was take my father to the jail and released him two days later only to take him to the labor camp," she said. "We never saw him again."

"Later on, after the war, by very interesting circumstances, I felt I knew what happened to him," Swimmer said, fighting back tears.



Swimmer said she didn't know

what to expect next. "We didn't know what was going to happen to us."

The families were rounded up and marched from place to place.

"Later on, we went to ghetto after ghetto," she said. "After the ghettos we went to the railroad station."

"I had a very good friend during high school, and I saw her mother at the railroad station and she examined me," Swimmer explained. "At that time, Germans felt that women had to be examined to make sure that they didn't hide any jewelry."

My best friend's mother told me that, 'Klara, if I was you, I would commit suicide.'"

Swimmer said although the comments hurt her feelings, she didn't tell her mother what the examiner said.

"This was a tremendous trauma," she said. "We traveled for three days without food, without liquid, without hygiene. Old women, pregnant women, babies and disabled people were all locked into a wagon."

Swimmer broke down as she recollected the last time she saw her mother.

"Being the only child, I always said to Mother, nothing is important but just to stay together," she said.

Swimmer, along with her mother and others, were taken to history's worst concentration camp.

"We arrived at night time in Auschwitz, Germany. There were dogs, there were Nazis, there were



Courtesy photo

she recalled.

Swimmer said her mother went in one direction and she went into another.

"Suddenly, I couldn't find my mother," Swimmer said, wet faced and crying. "It's funny. I'm 80 years old and that's why I never talked about this."

Swimmer began to talk about her experiences during the Holocaust when she was 72 years old. She said she felt a lot better after she retold her story. She said it was therapy.

"That part of my life was blank," she said. "Only the noises remained in my mind and I tried to block it out."

Although Swimmer bottled her feelings for such a long time, she went on to live a prosperous life. She retired in 1995 after working more than 50 years as a general physician.

Swimmer wondered aloud. "What type of system was that, what kind of mind was that where they were able to kill six million people?" she asked.

One of the most noticeable harassments endured by Jewish people



Dr. Klara Swimmer, Holocaust survivor, gives an account of her experience in Auschwitz.

funny redness of the sky, and a funny smell in the air. We were thrown out from the cattle car,"

was the wearing of a yellow Star of David.

According to Swimmer, all Jewish people had to sew the star on all outer layers of clothing. Later, mandatory badges were issued and worn.

"And the reason was that if you went out on the street, anyone knew who you were and they could do anything they wanted to do to you," Swimmer said.

She held up a 1940s-era photo of her wearing a large yellow Star of David. The age of the photo was evident by her attire and the crinkled streaks running through the photo from folding.

Men like Irving Senor don't need a calendar to remind them of the Holocaust. The number 137135 was tattooed in blue ink on Senor's left forearm by Nazi soldiers while

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intelligence support element.

"Exercise Eagle 2' is a great collaborative exercise that incorporates the Soldiers, leaders, and future leaders of the Military Intelligence Corps," said Staff Sgt. Robert Ogo, a JI-CTC student. "It brings home the real-world picture to those who are 'just getting their feet wet' and lets those with experience share their knowledge."

A complex computer interface allows the students to receive intelligence products, assign detachments and control unit actions.

Students also produce daily intelligence summaries and give a battle update brief. All students perform

tasks which mirror those expected of them as part of a deployed unit's S-2, staff intelligence, section. Students learn to perform as an intelligence team in a simulated environment, which includes realistic intelligence reporting and operational intelligence elements from battalion up through theater levels.

"This exercise allows students to come together and build confidence and trust in each other's experiences and skills to accomplish a mission. This is where everything we've learned in the Officer Basic Course is put into perspective and we see just how important our job is to the Soldiers on the ground," said student 2nd Lt. Jessica Brown.

Within the Intelligence Commu-

nity, Eagle 2 may become the future exercise of choice for intelligence professionals to train intelligence skills in an Iraq-based scenario. According to Reed the JI-CTC's Exercise Eagle 2 will continue to gain recognition within the Intelligence Community and Simulations Training industry.

JI-CTC currently trains students from the following fields:

- USAF Battlefield Weather Course
- Military Intelligence Captain's Career Course
- Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course
- Military Intelligence Warrant Officer Basic Course

• Military Intelligence Warrant Officer Advance Course

• Military Intelligence Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course

• Military Intelligence 96B Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course

• Military Intelligence MOS 96B Advanced Individual Training

• Military Intelligence MOS 96D Advanced Individual Training.

In the future, JI-CTC will begin training students from the following fields:

• Military Intelligence MOS 97E Advanced Individual Training

• Military Intelligence MOS 97B Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course

EPG receives new commander after 90 days without

Story and photo By Esau Lolis

Scout Staff

Harry Kelso relinquished responsibility of the Electronic Proving Ground to Col. Christopher Rasmussen during an assumption of command ceremony at Cochise Theatre Tuesday.

Development Test Command Commander Brig. Gen. Michael Combest of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., flew down to hand the EPG guidon off to Rasmussen.

After the invocation, the 36th Army Band ushered in the official party with song and Carole Anders sang the national anthem.

Combest promised to be brief saying, "It is supposed to get up above ninety degrees, and the last thing you need from me is more hot air." His statement got the desired laugh.

Combest began by thanking the 36th Army Band for providing music.

"For today, in this assumption of command ceremony we install yet another exceptional leader," he said. Combest remarked that if it seemed like EPG just did this a couple of months ago, "...it is because we did. But it is not a bad thing that we

do it again."

Col. Jerome Payne bid EPG farewell February after serving three years. His successor, Harry Kelso, with 26 years at EPG, assumed responsibility as interim director for ninety days.

Combest continued his speech.

"Notice that I said that we are installing a commander at an assumption of command. Because, by tradition, we do not change from interim leadership to permanent leadership, so we are not executing a change of command."

Combest went on to thank Kelso for, "...taking on the hardest assignment the Army can give any person - Interim Anything. Especially the interim chair of an outfit as complex and decisively engaged as EPG."

Kelso resumed his duties as EPG technical director Tuesday.

"If you glance at Colonel Rasmussen's bio, you detect a common thing; excellence and selfless devotion,"

Combest said. "It tells you that he has been a combat arms officer since the day he came into the Army. He slid over into the Acquisition Corps and established there, a reputation

He also thanked Kelso for sharing information with him before he came aboard.

"EPG is a great organization with a great reputation, and certainly an outstanding workforce. Colleen and I are excited about the assignment," Rasmussen said. After meeting some of the people, we are willing to take it even further and make life worth living again.

"The first thing I want to do is meet the people and learn more about them so I can find out how we are doing on the mission," the new commander said.

Rasmussen joins Fort Huachuca by way of Fort Hood, where he was a special staff officer at the Operational Test Command. The move brings him closer to his home town of El Paso, Texas. Rasmussen is also a University of Texas at El Paso graduate. He graduated the University in 1976.

Rasmussen's wife, Colleen, was presented yellow roses signifying the trust and friendship that will develop over the course of her husband's command. The couple has three children; Mindy, 28, Lindsay, 14 and Ryan, 12.



Brig. Gen. Michael Combest delivers the Electronic Proving Ground guidon to Col. Christopher Rasmussen during an assumption of command ceremony Tuesday at Cochise Theater.

well deserved for individual excellence and excellence at team building."

Rasmussen followed Combest at the podium. He thanked Soldiers who participated in the ceremony.

Range Closures

Thursday -AA, AB, AC, AG, AH, AI, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, T1, T1A, T2

Friday - AA, AB, AC, AG, AH, AI, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, T1, T1A, T2

Saturday - AB, AC, AU, T1, T1A, T2

Sunday - T1, T1A, T2

Monday - AG, AH, AK, AL, AR
Tuesday- AG, AH, AK, AL, AR, T1, T1A, T2

Wednesday - AG, T1, T1A, T2
Contact Range Control at 533-7095. Closures are subject to change.

Leave donations sought

The following Department of the Army civilians on Fort Huachuca are currently on the Leave Donor Program and need leave donations:

Kimberly Berry	ITEC4-W
Lorenza Buller-Duran	WCPOC
Annette Hamilton	MEDDAC
Pamela Hastings	ACA/ITEC-4
Kenyetta Johnson	NETCOM
Patricia Paiz	305th MI Bn
Mary Rodriguez	CSLA
Roberta Brown-Thurman	NETCOM

For additional information regarding the Leave Donor Program or on how to donate annual leave, contact Schenando Nason, Civilian Personnel Action Center at 533-5273.

Widowed Support Center plans celebration

Join Widowed Support Center members May 29 for a Memorial Day celebration at the Fort Huachuca Cemetery followed by a no-host luncheon at the Country House. Participants will order off

the main menu. Call 533-3807 by May 22 to reserve seating at the cemetery and restaurant.

The Widowed Support Center, located at the corner of Fry Boulevard and Buffalo Soldier Trail outside the Main Gate, is open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Wednesday is craft day at the WSC with crafts sessions held during normal business hours.

The WSC is staffed by volunteers who provide support to the widowed and to their families. Volunteers answer questions, provide directions, serve coffee or tea, or are available to just talk.

WSC members meet at 2 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

For information about services or volunteering, call 533-3807.

Construction on Old Post underway

A Directorate of Public Works sewer project closed Hines Road to traffic last week, from Hines Service Road to Burt Road. Those traveling to Reservoir Hill or Huachuca Canyon will be detoured to Hines Service Road. The project will be completed by the end of May.

An infrastructure improvement project to move electric, telephone and cable lines from poles on Grierson Service Road, to underground beneath the road has been rescheduled to start on May 22. The project is expected to take at least four months to complete.

AUSA award nominations sought

Nominations are now being ac-

cepted for this year's Association of the United States Army National Awards. This is an opportunity for your organization/directorate to recognize those Soldiers, DoD civilians, contractors and family members who have contributed significantly to our Army and national security.

For information about all awards, call Lisa Atkinson, national awards program coordinator at 1 (703) 907-2624 or send e-mail to latkinson@ausa.org

ACAP hosts Employer Visit Day

The Army Career Alumni Program will host an Employer Visit Day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 18 at the ACAP Center, Building 22420 on Fort Huachuca.

Industry representatives will be on hand to discuss their mutual interests with Soldiers and family members.

ACAP is designed to prepare separating servicemembers and family members for life outside of the military.

In addition, ACAP works with employers to maintain national and local listing of job opportunities.

For more information, call 533-5764 or 7051.

AFTB classes set

Army Family Team Building will offer the Level I AFTB, Session III Class 9 a.m. - noon, Tuesday, 23 and 30 at Murr Community Center, Building 51301.

AFTB Level I, also known as "Army 101" provides an introduction to Army life.

AFTB Level I Marathon Class will

be offered 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., May 13 at Murr Community Center.

The classes are free but please pre-register with Army Community Service at 533-2330, or e-mail huachuca_aftb@hotmail.com. For more information, call Cheryl Patterson at 533-3686.

Fort Huachuca Conservation Committee

The quarterly meeting of the Fort Huachuca Conservation Committee will be held on Wednesday in the 111th MI Brigade Conference Room, Building 51005, from 10-11:30 a.m. The chair for this quarterly conservation committee meeting will be Col. Jonathan Hunter, Fort Huachuca garrison commander. The meeting will provide updates on several local natural resources and conservation programs including current activities on Fort Huachuca, the Upper San Pedro Partnership, and the City of Sierra Vista.

The program for this meeting will be a presentation on astronomy viewing in southeastern Arizona, by members of the Huachuca Astronomy Club.

For additional information, call Robert Bridges at 533-1863.

International spouse support group

Army Community Service invites all international spouses to join this support group, which will meet at 6 p.m., May 22 at the ACS Building 50010. The group offers the opportunity to meet new people, network and to pick up tips on American culture and the military life-style.

Pre-register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Chaplain's Corner

Protestant Sunday Services

8 a.m.	Episcopal
8:30 a.m.	Lutheran
9:00 a.m.	Gospel
9:30 a.m.	Protestant
11 a.m.	Cross Roads
11 a.m.	Collective Protestant

Roman Catholic Worship

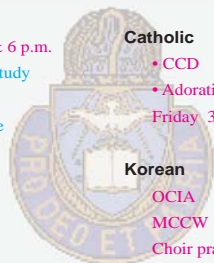
Mon.-Fri.	
Mass	11:30 a.m.
Saturday Confession	4 p.m.
Saturday Mass	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Mass	11:30 a.m.

Jewish Worship

Friday	7 p.m.
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Protestant

- PWOC Tuesday 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- Women's Ministry Bible study 1st, 3rd Friday 6 p.m.
- Bible Study/Choir Practice Thursday 6 p.m.
- Ministerial Staff Training Tuesday 6 p.m.
- Men's Choir Rehearsal Tuesday 7 p.m.
- Youth Fellowship 3rd, 4th Saturdays 8:30 a.m.
- Women's Choir



Catholic

- CCD Sunday 10:45 a.m.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 3 - 6 p.m.

Korean

OCIA	Friday	7 p.m.
MCCW	1st Friday	9 a.m.
Choir practice	Friday	6:30 p.m.

Muslim Prayer

Friday	12:15 a.m.
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Orthodox Divine Liturgy

1st & 3rd Sunday	9:30 a.m.
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Latter Day Saints Service

Sunday	1 p.m.
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Youth Ministries

- Middle school Sunday 4 - 5 p.m.
- High school Sunday 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Legend

Main Post
Main Post, Room 24
Main Post Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Prosser Village
Kino Chapel
Eifler

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The Fort Huachuca Days of Remembrance program was held here May 3 and 4. The purpose of the DOR observance is to reflect upon, to learn about and never forget what happened to the millions silenced during the Holocaust.

Soldiers from 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, U.S. Army Network Enterprises Command/9th Army Signal Command, the 11th Signal Brigade and permanent party Soldiers and civilians filled Murr Community Center auditorium both days to listen to nine Holocaust survivors relive their experiences.

Less than sixty years ago, six million Jews and millions of others were murdered in Nazi concentration camps as part of a planned extermination of the Jewish race.

Dr. Klara Swimmer, Wanda Wolosky and Irving Senor gave accounts of their ordeals during an interview in the Post public affairs office.

Swimmer was born in Hungary in a small city of 15,000 people including 500 Jewish families. In March of 1944, Swimmer was a high school student.

The 80-year-old survivor spoke with a raspy Hungarian accent recalling memories of the tragedy.

“The Nazis marched into my city, and the first thing that they did was take my father to the jail and released him two days later only to take him to the labor camp,” she said. “We never saw him again.”

“Later on, after the war, by very interesting circumstances, I felt I knew what happened to him,” Swimmer said, fighting back tears.

Swimmer said she didn’t know what to expect next. “We didn’t know what was going to happen to us.”

The families were rounded up and marched from place to place.

“Later on, we went to ghetto after ghetto,” she said. “After the ghettos we went to the railroad station.”

“I had a very good friend during high school, and I saw her mother at the railroad station and she examined me,” Swimmer explained. “At that time, Germans felt that women had to be examined to make sure that they

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didn’t hide any jewelry.”

My best friend’s mother told me that, “Klara, if I was you, I would commit suicide.”

Swimmer said although the comments hurt her feelings, she didn’t tell her mother what the examiner said.

“This was a tremendous trauma,” she said. “We traveled for three days without food, without liquid, without hygiene. Old women, pregnant women, babies and disabled people were all locked into a wagon.”

Swimmer broke down as she recollected the last time she saw her mother.

“Being the only child, I always said to Mother, nothing is important but just to stay together,” she said.

Swimmer, along with her mother and others, were taken to history’s worst concentration camp.

“We arrived at night time in Auschwitz, Germany. There were dogs, there were Nazis, there were funny redness of the sky, and a funny smell in the air. We were thrown out from the cattle car,” she recalled.

Swimmer said her mother went in one direction and she went into another.

“Suddenly, I couldn’t find my mother,” Swimmer said, wet faced and crying. “It’s funny. I’m 80 years old and that’s why I never talked about this.”

Swimmer began to talk about her experiences during the Holocaust when she was 72 years old. She said she felt a lot better after she retold her story. She said it was therapy.

“That part of my life was blank,” she said. “Only the noises remained in my mind and I tried to block it out.”

Although Swimmer bottled her feelings for such a long time, she went on to live a prosperous life. She retired in 1995 after working more than 50 years as a general physician.

Swimmer wondered aloud. “What type of system was that, what kind of mind was that where they were able to kill six million people?” she asked.

One of the most noticeable harassments endured by Jewish people was the wearing of a yellow Star of David.

According to Swimmer, all Jewish

people had to sew the star on all outer layers of clothing. Later, mandatory badges were issued and worn.

“And the reason was that if you went out on the street, anyone knew who you were and they could do anything they wanted to do to you,” Swimmer said.

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Men like Irving Senor don’t need a calendar to remind them of the Holocaust. The number 137135 was tattooed in blue ink on Senor’s left forearm by Nazi soldiers while Senor was in Auschwitz. The mark identified him as a prisoner then, and today as a concentration camp survivor.

Senor was living in Greece when the Germans conquered his country. He recalled Jews being rounded up into a ghetto. Senor said he was taken to work on railroad construction for seven months, and when he came back, the 60,000 Jews in the town were gone. Two weeks later, he was taken to Dachau, a concentration camp near Munich. “We marched for five days with only a loaf of bread to eat,” he said.

Senor said towards the end of WWII, he narrowly escaped death. He recalled standing in line for roll call when one of the guards wanted to shoot prisoners. The guard was told not to shoot because an engineer in a nearby bunker didn’t want to clean up afterwards.

“I speak to people about what happened,” Senor said. “There are people who believe the Holocaust never happened.” Senor said he tells his stories so people won’t forget what happened and to prevent the tragedy from happening again.

Wanda Wolosky was 5 years old when her country, Poland, was taken over by Nazis. She said that she often was treated differently at first because she didn’t look Jewish. “I had blonde hair and blue eyes,” she said.

Because she didn’t look Jewish, she

would witness hurtful things happening to other Jews.

Wolosky held a photo of her cousin, a young girl wearing a pink dress. She said when the girl was a teenager, the Nazis found her hiding in a barn. “They shot her in the back of the head as she was kissing a young boy,” Wolosky said.

There are no specific dates which the Holocaust actually began. The general time period assigned to the tragedy is from 1933-1945.

USAISEC to spearhead registration drive for bone marrow donors

Upholds military tradition of "taking care of their own"

Story and photo by Rob Martinez
Scout Staff



Shaundra McLemore, U.S. Army Information Systems Engineering Command, who was instrumental in setting up the bone marrow drive, converses with Ray Hart about some of the drive particulars. The drive is to help Hart, a USAISEC employee and Army veteran, who was diagnosed in November with Myelodysplastic Syndrome, a blood cancer.

All active duty military members and their dependents, Department of Defense civilians, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reservists, 18 to 60 and in good health can donate at the bone marrow donor registration drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 18-19 at the Murr Recreation Center. Only an oral swab will be taken from volunteers after filling out a simple registration form. The information will be registered with the National Marrow Donor Program without identifying demographics.

The drive for the event is to help Ray Hart, a USAISEC employee and Army veteran, who was diagnosed in November with Myelodysplastic Syndrome, a blood cancer treatable only with a bone marrow transplant. More than 500 children and adults in the Department of Defense are diagnosed each year with leukemia, Aplastic Anemia or any of the more than 60 known blood diseases.

The U.S. Army Information Systems Engineering Command is cooperating with the C.W. "Bill" Young/Department of Defense Marrow Donor Center in Maryland to sponsor the registration drive. People can help Hart, and others as well, by registering to be a marrow donor. Donors' names will be

added to a National Registry of volunteer stem cell/marrow donors. According to the Registry, volunteer stem cell/marrow donors are registered for life, and although they may not match Hart, they could match others in need of a transplant. As the National Marrow Donor Registry becomes larger and more diverse, the chances of finding life-saving matches increases. According to the registry, there is a particularly urgent need for minority donors, but anyone in good health between the ages of 18 and 60 is welcome.

Col. Denise Williams, commander USAISEC, said, "Mr. Hart made us aware, but it's not just for him. We're putting it in the national registry. If you do it now, and you're identified, there's a whole series of steps, additional tests, even counseling and education that you as a donor would receive." Also, travel and expenses for matches will be covered.

Ray Hart, husband, father of four, grandfather of two, had served for 11 years in the Army as a 96R, ground surveillance systems operator. He is now a civilian in

his seventh year as a computer scientist working for USAISEC. When preparing to go on temporary duty to Fort Gordon, in November, he observed that he was getting increasingly tired. "I had noticed, while going to the gym," Hart said, "that I was getting light headed. It had been a year since I had my last physical. I said, 'I think I'll go do one.'... The blood work came back bad. It's been a roller coaster ride ever since."

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Service News



Ultimate sacrifice in support of the Global War On Terrorism

Staff Sgt. Gregory Wagner, 35, of Mitchell, S.D., died of injuries sustained in Baghdad, Iraq, on Monday, when an improvised fire projectile struck his HMMWV during combat operation. Wagner was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery, Yankton, S.D.

Lance Cpl. Leon Deraps, 19, of Jamestown, Mo., died Saturday while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Sgt. Matthew Fenton, 24, of Little Ferry, N.J., died Saturday at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., from wounds received while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Al Anbar province, Iraq on April 26. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's Inspector and Instructor Staff, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Fort Devens, Mass.

Pfc. Alva Gaylord, 25, of Carrollton, Mo., died of injuries sustained in Qasr Ar Riyy, Iraq on Friday

when an improvised explosive device detonated near his RG-31 Mine Protected Vehicle during a combat clearing operation. Gaylord was assigned to the Army National Guard's 110th Engineer Battalion, Kansas City, Mo.

The Department of Defense announced today the death of three soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. They died in Baghdad, Iraq on Friday, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV during combat operations.

Killed were:

1st. Sgt. Carlos Saenz, 46, of Las Vegas, Nev.

Spc. Teodoro Torres, 29, of Las Vegas, Nev.

Sgt. Nathan Vacho, 29, of Janesville, Wis.

Saenz and Torres were assigned to the Army Reserve's 490th Civil Affairs Battalion, Abilene, Texas. Vacho was assigned to the Army Reserve's 489th Civil Affairs Battalion, Knoxville, Tenn. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, all three were attached to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division.

The Department of Defense announced the death of two soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi

Freedom. They died in Baghdad, Iraq on May 4, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their RG-31 Mine Protected Vehicle during combat operations. Reinke and Quinton were assigned to the 5th Engineer Battalion, 1st Engineer Brigade, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Killed were:

Staff Sgt. Gavin Reinke, 32, of Pueblo, Colo.

Spc. Bryan Quinton, 24, of Sand Springs, Okla.

Sgt. Elisha Parker, 21, of Taberg, N.Y., died May 4, while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Pfc. Benjamin Zieske, 20, of Concord, Calif., died of injuries sustained in Kirkuk, Iraq on May 3, when an improvised explosive device detonated during a dismounted combat patrol. Zieske was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division

(Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

Pfc. Christopher Eckhardt, 19, of Phoenix, Ariz., died in Taji, Iraq on May 3, from a non-combat related cause. Eckhardt was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

The incident is under investigation.

Lance Cpl. Robert Moschillo, 21, of Salem, N.H., died May 1 while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

1st Sgt. Bobby Mendez, 38, of Brooklyn, N.Y., died of injuries sustained in Baghdad, Iraq, on April 27, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. Mendez was assigned to the 2nd Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Fallen Soldier remembered Monday



Courtesy Photo

Scout Staff

A funeral service for 1st Sgt. Bobby Mendez was held Monday at the Main Post Chapel here.

Following the chapel service, a service with full military honors took place at the Fort Huachuca Cemetery.

About 120 motorcyclists rode with the caravan and attended the service in Mendez's honor.

Mendez, 38, of Brooklyn, New York, died in Baghdad, Iraq April 27 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV. The incident is under investigation.

Mendez entered the Army in October 1987. He was assigned to the 2nd Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry

Division, since January 2002, as an intelligence analyst. Mendez deployed to Iraq November 2004.

Mendez's decorations and awards include: Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Living with furry, feline “people”

Cats

Story and photos by Tanja Linton
Media Relations Specialist

I have three lazy roommates. Though they are perpetually unemployed, it's hard to say they contribute nothing to the household.

One is a full time diva, another is a blue-eyed lover boy and the third does hair. Their names are Boo, Baxter and B.B. They are cats and they rule the roost and my heart. I cannot imagine life without them.

The first thing I did when I got my own place wasn't to buy a new couch or dining room table – I got two cats. Kimba and Maui spent their lifetimes making my house a home more than any piece of furniture ever could.

Kimba died in my arms at age

me at the Tucson Humane Society. There was no replacement for Kimba, but to be nice I would at least check this kitten out and then politely decline adoption.

Famous last words! It was love at first sight. I couldn't sign the adoption papers for Boo fast enough. About a month later while food shopping at the pet store, I came home with a bag of kitten food in one hand and a kitten in a box in the other.

Maui would sit quietly next to me on the couch as we watched the silly kittens climb curtains, chase bugs, each other and tear up toilet paper. Maui quietly passed on at age 15.

Boo took over as alpha

neck, tucks her head under my chin and purrs until I fall asleep. Baxter brings me chewed up toys in the middle of the night and retrieves them every time I throw them out of bed. He loves to have his tummy

rubbed and stretches out next to me every night for a rubdown.

But our little family wasn't

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Boo lords it over Baxter from her throne in the bathroom.

complete until a wild child from Bisbee joined us. A colleague had rescued a group of starving feral kittens and attempted to find them homes. One small blue-gray kitten was so undernourished that his skin hung off his bones like the folds of a Sharpei dog. I felt so sorry for him that I took him out of the carrier and wore him around my neck like a mink stole. His skinny little body vibrated with pleasure. I told myself repeatedly that I would not adopt another kitten.

Needless to say, Bisbee Blue,

aka B.B., joined the family. This bundle of energy keeps all three of us on our toes. He is unique. He loves to “do” women's hair, has a fetish for vintage mink and loves to watch figure skating. He has keen appreciation for catnip. After he gets a whiff, he will chase his own tail for hours.

I'm the head of the household, so I have definite responsibilities for my three “kids.” Boo has bad teeth and chin acne that requires regular vet visits. Schlepping big bags of kitty litter and cat food are part of every trip to the grocery store. Litter box hygiene with three cats can be challenging. I have to hire a sitter when I go out of town. Cat hair accessorizes every outfit I own.

These three fascinating little beings bring so much happiness to my life. Boo even gives therapeutic massages.

Would I recommend cat ownership? Absolutely! If you're thinking about adopting a cat, or any pet, realize that it is a commitment that lasts the pet's lifetime. Pets shouldn't be considered fashion accessories or temporary entertainment. They really do become a part of your family. Pet ownership carries financial obligations:

veterinary bills, food, catnip, toy mice, etc.

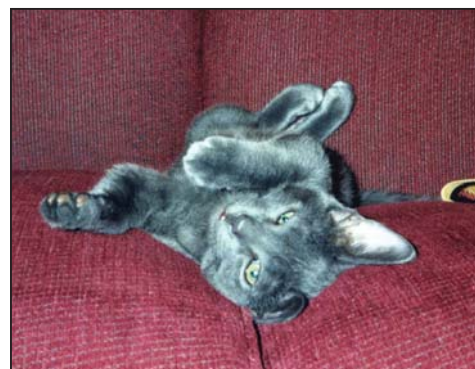
You can easily spend several hundred dollars per year taking care of a pet. However, their companionship is priceless.



B.B. looks large and in charge, as Baxter and Boo lounge in the back ground.

14. I was inconsolable. I told myself that I wouldn't get another cat. Less than 10 days later, fate or rather my dad's administrative assistant, intervened. A cat lover herself, she was moved by the story of my loss and “reserved” a Siamese kitten for

cat and smartly put Baxter in his place. Their antics entertain me to no end. Ladylike in every way, Boo drinks water out of the toilet like it's Dom Perignon. When I feel sick or blue, she is extremely sensitive and wraps her paws around my



B.B. is one laid-back Bisbee dude.

Clean up after your pets and prevent disease

By Esau Lolis
Scout Staff

Prior to becoming a pet owner, most people don't give much thought to the task of cleaning up after them. Once the dog has joined the family and the need becomes apparent, some people tend to avoid cleaning up. Capt. Amy Pike, Fort Huachuca chief veterinarian, said this can lead to problems.

"Dog waste contaminates the ground and becomes a means of passing intestinal parasites and infections to other dogs and people," Pike said. "Not to mention, pets can repeatedly re-infest themselves."

Neighbor disputes over dog poop can escalate into a real headache. Because of contamination as well as smell and mess, dog waste is highly offensive to many people.

It often becomes a problem when the weather begins to warm up causing dog waste odor to intensify. No one wants to endure pet odor while enjoying a backyard barbeque.

It is illegal to allow your dog to relieve and not clean it up on Post.

According to Fort Huachuca Regulation 40-116, "Control of and Care of Pets, Horses and transient Animals," the owner or sponsor of an animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta (body waste) deposited by his or her animal(s) on public roads and walks, recreation areas, or yards.

The very existence of the law is an indication of how seriously Post officials take the pet cleanup issue.

Whether a dog goes in the yard or on a sidewalk, pet owners should promptly dispose of the animal's waste in the trash or down the toilet where it will be properly treated. When pet waste is left behind, it washes into storm drains and ditches. From there it heads straight to Post lakes and streams taking harmful bacteria with it.

Pike said keeping the yard clean keeps the dog cleaner, since the animal won't be stepping or playing in the mess on relief trips outside. A clean yard



Photo by Rob Martinez.

Family member Ellen Morrison walks her dog, Spud, down Winrow Avenue on Fort Huachuca.



Photo by Maria Zocher

It is illegal to allow a dog to relieve itself and not pick it up on Post.

also gives both people and dogs a lot more exercise space.

According to Pike, picking up feces prevents a great deal of contamination, especially if diarrhea is not involved. Cleanup can reduce veterinary expenses and might even save family members a trip to the doctor.

Pike recommends several tools and methods for picking up dog waste. Some may use a shovel, and others may bury waste in the yard. Using the toilet may do a better job of handling potentially infectious material.

Scooper tools can make the job easier. These are usually lighter in weight and more ergonomic for the pick-up task. Tote along a bag or other receptacle to make the job easier.

Slipping a plastic bag over your hand like a glove

makes an effective and mess free pickup tool. A latex glove is also useful. Simply pick up the poop, turn the bag inside out to enclose it while being careful not to touch, tie the top, and discard it in an appropriate container.

Post residents who have difficulty bending should use a long-handled scooper tool to pick up after pets.

Many dogs relieve themselves at home, before and after walking. This saves owners time by not having to carry waste home. Still, Post pet owners are required to be ready to pick up waste on outings and walks.

Picking up after your pet shows pride in the Fort Huachuca community, yourself, and your dog. Doing this sets an example for others, and helps create a cleaner post.

Celebrate Mother's Day with MWR

Sunday is Mother's Day, and several MWR facilities are offering the opportunity to help honor moms in various ways.

Mom's Day Sale at MVGC

Mountain View Golf Course Pro Shop will hold a "Mom's Day Sale," Saturday and Sunday. All ladies apparel and golf clubs will be marked down 10 percent those two days.

For more information, call 533-7088.

Breakfast special at Jeannie's Diner

Jeannie's Diner will offer the following Mother's Day special from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Sunday: Moms may purchase breakfast for half price.

Located inside Desert Lanes Bowling Center, Jeannie's Diner is open seven days a week. For

more information, call 533-5759.

Horseback riding at Buffalo Corral

Buffalo Corral will offer a special trail ride for Mother's Day, 10 a.m. - noon, Sunday.

Moms will be able to ride for half price. The regular cost of the ride is \$15 per person. Reservations and prepayment are required by close of business Saturday.

For more information, call 533-5220.

Mother's Day buffet at TMAC

The Thunder Mountain Activity Centre will present the Mother's Day Grand Buffet, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sunday. Customers are invited to treat "Mom" and the entire family to this delightful and delectable brunch.

A few of the items on the menu will include: made-to-order omelets, Belgian waffles, bacon, sausage, mahi mahi with lemon butter sauce, chicken rosemary, TMAC baked salmon, peel-n-eat shrimp, steamship round,

vegetables, fresh breads and assorted deserts.

Cost is \$21 for adults; \$10.50 for children 5 - 11; and children 4 and under dine free. These prices include gratuity.

For reservations or more information about the buffet, call 533-3802.



Photo courtesy of MWR

Desert Lanes is smoke-free

Desert Lanes Bowling Center is now a smoke-free facility. For more information, call 533-2849.

Sign-up for summer riding camps

Child and Youth Services, SKIESUnlimited and Buffalo Corral are partnering to bring "Children's Summer Riding Camps," to youth ages 7 - 17.

The riding camps will be held on a weekly basis July 10 - Aug. 4. Camps will be offered 8 a.m. - noon, Monday - Friday at Buffalo Corral. Cost is \$100 per week. Youth may participate for more than one week.

Registration for the riding camps start Monday at the Central Enrollment Registration Office at Murr Community Center. To register, call 533-0738.

For more information, call Carrie Bradke at 533-8347 or Buffalo Corral at 533-5220.

Black and white photography class

The MWR Arts Center will offer a beginning black and white photography class, 6 - 8 p.m., May 18, 25, June 1 and 8. Students must have their own camera. All other materials are included in the class. Cost is \$75 and the instructor is Gary Rice.

For more information, call 533-2015.

Take the Eifler Buddy Challenge

Active duty military are invited to take part in the Eifler Fitness Center "Buddy Challenge," scheduled to begin at 8 a.m., May 20.

The Buddy Challenge will consist of two-person teams competing in the following: a 3-mile run; 100 yard wheelbarrow race; 100-yard piggyback race; 60 pushups; 60 situps; and when the 60 sit-ups are completed, the two team members must run together to the finish line.

There will be a \$5 entry fee per team.

For more information or to register, call Mick Gue at 533-4723.

Free golf clinic at MVGC

Mountain View Golf Course will offer a free golf clinic for beginners from 10 to 11 a.m., May 20.

The clinic will teach the basic fundamentals of the swing and the game of golf. An orientation explaining how to use the facility and what programs are available will also be covered. Balls and the use of clubs will be provided at no charge.

MVGC is located at Building 15479 and is accessible to everyone from Wilcox Avenue, off Buffalo Soldier Trail.

For more information or to make a tee time, call 533-7088.

Sign-up for youth boxing camp starts May 22

The Child and Youth Services SKIESUnlimited's youth boxing camp will be held June 19-23 at Barnes Field House. Youth will have the opportunity to learn the skills and fundamentals of the sport of boxing from certified USA Boxing Coach Andres Portela.

The class is open to youth 13 - 18, whose parents are active duty or retired military, Department of the Army civilians, Non-appropriated Fund employees or contractor employees. Participants must also be members of Child and Youth Services.

The camp will be offered in two sessions: either 8:30 - 10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. - noon. Cost will be \$30 per participant.

To register, call 533-0738 or visit the Central Enrollment Registration Office at Murr Community Center. There is an annual \$18 registration fee for CYS membership.

For more information, call 533-8347.

Free services Armed Forces Day

May 20, MWR facilities will observe Armed Forces Day. The following services will be offered free to all active duty and retired military that day only. All free services will be limited to available time and space, so early reservations are recommended.

*Desert Lanes will offer free bowling and shoe rental 4:30 p.m. - midnight. (Limit three games.) For more information, call 533-2849.

*Mountain View Golf Course will offer free golf, free club rental, free cart rental and free range balls, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Call MVGC at 533-7088 to reserve a tee time.

*Buffalo Corral will offer one hour of free open horseback riding 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Family members will be charged regular rates. Pre-registration is necessary and reservations will be taken on a first-call, first-served basis. For more information or to reserve a time, call Buffalo Corral at 533-5220.

*The Sportsman's Center will offer free paintball field time, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. All participants will need to purchase resale supplies such as paint, CO2 and equipment, and will be required to adhere to safety regulations and policies. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 533-7085.

*MWR Rents will offer equipment rental free for May 20. Items will be available starting at 9 a.m. and must be returned by 4 p.m. that day. (Does not include campers and RV.)

Advance reservations are also recommended for rentals. Call 533-6707 for more information.

*The MWR Arts Center will offer free instruction in pottery from noon - 2 p.m., and in watercolor, 2 - 4 p.m.

To reserve a space or for more information, call the Arts Center at 533-2015.

Fort Huachuca Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation

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The Scout TimeOut

Dogs, cats and more *AAFES-sponsored pet show attracted hundreds*

Scout reports

More than 100 pets and at least 250 people attended a pet show sponsored by the Army and Air Forces Exchange Service here Saturday.

Proud owners brought dogs, cats, goats, rats and a guinea pig to the pet show. So many came that the show lasted four hours, according to Maria Zocher, PX sales area manager.

When AAFES' Western Regional Office directed local exchanges to host pet shows in honor of "National Pet Week," Zocher stepped up to the plate.

"I love pets. I volunteered with animal control for the Sierra Vista Police Department for a year and a half."

Two months of planning went into the event.

Some lucky pets received professional grooming.

Distinguished guests included Clifford the Big Red Dog, and Blue of "Blue's Clues" fame.

A collage of artwork by Myer School students served as a backdrop for the judges stand.

Everyone was a winner because in addition to the prizes awarded, vendors shared dog food, cat food, and pet-related sundries with pet owners and others.

"I'd especially like to thank the volunteer Soldier who gave up his Saturday morning to be there to answer pet owners' questions and tell about the services offered by the vet clinic on post," Zocher said.



Photos by Maria Zocher



Photo illustration by Rob Martinez

Chalk Talk

Gen. Myer Elementary

Theresa Sottilare's preschoolers are wrapping up a productive, fun year by enjoying a picnic and a jumping castle. Parents are encouraged to come and join in on the fun.

Allison Spencer's class is wrapping up the year studying insects, money, reading, and having "pop quiz" spelling tests

of phonetic words. On May 3rd, the class sang for parents at the Kindergarten Music program. This Friday the students will walk to Johnston Elementary to meet the principal and the first grade teachers. The Kindergarten Recognition Program will be at 12:45 p.m. on Tuesday. The classes will enjoy a rodeo-themed field day and a picnic later that week.

Kathleen Sliver's class cannot believe that the school year is almost over and are amazed at their progress. Students are blending their letters into words and using

words in sentences to read and write. The class gets stimulated when they observe and listen to the children read. The class also had a fun day at the Desert Museum and is looking forward to their visit to Johnston Elementary School.

Myer School has completed the 34th week of the Magellan Running Club, with four running days. All the top fifth-grade runners scored with 42 points. The top fifth-grade girls were Hazel Grubbs, Erikka King, Allie Bryant, and Ashley Laszok. Davy'aun Thomas and Jaykwan French

were the top fifth-grade boys. The top fifth-grade class that totaled 395 points was Mrs. Celina Mickle's class. For fourth-grade news, the top fourth-grade girl was Sarah Baier who completed 33 points. All the top fourth-grade boys completed 42 points. They were Miles Ritchey, Andrew Camps, Carlos Acosta, and Bradley Dean. Mrs. Jan Barnes' class was the top fourth-grade classroom, with completion of 213 points. All the students in the running club accomplished 411 miles for this week.

Armed Forces Volleyball begins Saturday

Scout Reports

The teams participating in the 2006 Armed Forces Volleyball Championship arrived at Fort Huachuca today as they ready themselves to take part in the upcoming round-robin tournament.

Play begins Saturday and runs through Wednesday. All matches will take place at Barnes Field House and admission is free to all events.

Schedule

Saturday

8 a.m. (Women) U. S. Marine Corps vs. U. S. Navy
(Men) U. S. Marine Corps vs. U. S. Navy

1 p.m. (Women) U. S. Army vs. U. S. Air Force
(Men) U. S. Army vs. U. S. Air Force

7 p.m. (Women) U. S. Air Force vs. U. S. Marine Corps

(Men) U. S. Air Force vs. U. S. Marine Corps

Sunday

8 a.m. (Women) U. S. Navy vs. U. S. Army
(Men) U. S. Navy vs. U. S. Army

1 p.m. (Women) U. S. Air Force vs. U. S. Navy
(Men) U. S. Air Force vs. U. S. Navy

7 p.m. (Women) U. S. Marine Corps vs. U. S. Army
(Men) U. S. Marine Corps vs. U. S. Army

Monday

Noon (Women) U. S. Navy vs. U. S. Marine Corps
(Men) U. S. Navy vs. U. S. Marine Corps

6:30 p.m. (Women) U. S. Air Force vs. U. S. Army
(Men) U. S. Air Force vs. U. S. Army

Tuesday

Noon, (Women) U. S. Marine Corps vs. U. S. Air Force
(Men) U. S. Marine Corps vs. U. S. Air Force

6:30 p.m. (Women) U. S. Army vs. U. S. Navy
(Men) U. S. Army vs. U. S. Navy

Wednesday

9 a.m. (Women) U. S. Navy vs. U. S. Air Force
(Men) U. S. Navy vs. U. S. Air Force

2 p.m. (Women) U. S. Army vs. U. S. Marine Corps
(Men) U. S. Army vs. U. S. Marine Corps

Following the last match on Wednesday an awards ceremony will take place. Tournament All-Star teams and servicemembers who have been selected for the men's and women's U.S. Armed Forces teams, that will represent the U.S. at the 27th Conseil International du Sport Militaire World Military Volleyball Championship June 9-21 at Fort Huachuca will be named.

Sierra Vista 50th Anniversary



Countdown:
Sierra Vista turns 50 in
2 weeks

EDITORIAL COMMENT:

The City of Sierra Vista will celebrate its 50th anniversary, "More than a city—a way of life," May 26-28, 2006. In support of the city's celebration, each month until the celebration weekend, The Fort Huachuca Scout will run one reprinted article from the 1955 and 1956 issues of the "Fort Huachuca Scout," showing what fort life was like 50 years ago. Each week, we'll print one or more highlights of what happened on Fort Huachuca a half century ago.

Sierra Vista was founded in 1956 and annexed Fort Huachuca in 1971. Now, as in the past, the two entities worked together and are involved in many partnerships.

The Fort Huachuca Scout has been in publication for 54 years since 1951. Mergue copies of the "Scout" are available for viewing at the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office, Building 21115, 3015 Carnahan Street, across the street from the gazebo at the west end of Brown Parade Field. Call 533-2622 for additional information.

Enjoy reliving Fort Huachuca's past 50 years, and reminisce as we travel back in time. - Joan Vasey

Reprinted from "The Huachuca Scout", May 10, 1956

Quartet Wins Talent Contest

'SANDBLASTERS' WIN AT SIXTH ARMY FINALS; RECORDED ENTRY GOES TO ALL-ARMY EVENT

"The Sandblasters," Fort Huachuca barbershop quartet, won the Sixth Army Finals of the All-Army Talent Contest held recently at the Presidio of San Francisco, Special Services announced today.

A tape recording of their version of "Hello Mah Baby" and "Coney Island Baby" won them first place and entry into the All-Army finals at Fort Dix, New Jersey, June 9 and 10.

One of the quartet members is Pfc. Elmer Moore, 232nd Signal, who also won first place as Vocal Soloist in the Sixth Army Contest. Other members are Pfc. Courtland Hultberg, baritone, leader of the group and also director of the Post Chorus; Sfc. Donald Johnson, bass, Det. 1, 9470 TU; and SP3 Ralph Bucket, lead, 193rd Signal Co.

With the exception of Moore, who will appear in person at the All-Army Finals in the Vocal Soloist category, the men will not make the trip to Fort Dix. A tape recording of their performance will be sent instead, as was the case in the Sixth Army Contest.

The All-Army Talent Contest is an annual event. This is the third year for the contest. Regional winners are selected in each Army area; these are the men who will compete at Fort Dix in June.

As was the case last year, some of the winners in

the All-Army Finals will be selected to appear on Ed Sullivan's TV Show, Sunday, June 17.

WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS MARKS 14TH BIRTHDAY MONDAY

The Women's Army Corps (WAC) will celebrate its 14th anniversary Monday, May 14th, with approximately 8,200 active-duty personnel serving in 20 of the Army's 32 career fields.

Officers and enlisted women are scattered throughout the U.S. and the rest of the world, with WAC personnel located in Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Japan, Okinawa, and Hawaii.

Locally the six members of the Women's Army Corps, headed by Major Margot Harris, will celebrate the Corps' anniversary with a small dinner party.

Some highlights of the Corps' first 14 years were:

May 14, 1942 - The Women's Auxiliary Army Corps was created, and Col. Oveta Culp Hobby was sworn in as the first director.

July 1, 1943 - The corps was made a component of the Army of the United States, and dropped the "Auxiliary" from its name.

May 14, 1945 - On its third anniversary the Corps had 100,000 on active duty in the U.S. and overseas.

Feb. 23, 1950 - The new WAC uniform, designed by Hattie Carnegie, was shown to the public.

Jan. 3, 1953 - Col. Irene O. Galloway, present director of the corps, was appointed.

Carr House provides free outdoor and educational destination

By Joan Vasey
Scout Staff

At nearly \$3 per gallon, gas prices are consuming a greater share of a family's budget. For some, this makes long distance journeys too costly. However, no-cost destinations for family outings are still available in the local area.

On the east side of the Huachuca Mountains in nearby Carr Canyon close to Sierra Vista, there's a little-known getaway opportunity in the form of a visitor center and nature trail. Special educational programs focused on the southwest are offered, too.

Here, families can spend the greater part of the day hiking, sharing a picnic lunch, exploring the visitor center, and possibly enjoying a nature-oriented program for about the cost of a gallon of gas.

The Carr House, formerly a family home built in 1939, was acquired by the Coronado National Forest during the 1970s as part of a land exchange. In its early days as a Forest Service building, it once housed Forest Service employees. Later, it sat unused.

In the late 1990s, a volunteer group formed and decided to tackle the project of converting the building into a visitor and educational center. After thousands of labor-intensive volunteer hours of restoration work, the house opened to visitors about 10 years ago.

The Friends of the Huachuca Mountains also assisted the Sierra Vista Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, in construction of a .6-mile nature trail around Carr Meadow, a popular hiking location. The trail is an easy hike with only slight inclines, an attractive feature for families with younger children. Dogs, if leashed, are also welcome.

The backdrop of Carr Reef and falls, and the ruins of an old ranch complex in Carr Meadow is a scenic setting for a short hike. Benches installed near three wildlife drinkers near the

nature trail allow visitors to observe wildlife from a distance. The meadows is considered a favorite destination for artists, photographers, writers and poets.

Picnic tables located outside Carr House invite recreationists to dine al fresco beneath the spreading oaks and observe thirsty hummingbirds, acorn woodpeckers and butterflies as they sip nectar at the hummingbird feeders.

Carr House Visitor Information Center is open Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through October 8.

At 1:30 p.m. every other Sunday through Oct.



Photo by Joan Vasey

Ann Smith of Hereford leaves Carr House after a visit Sunday.

8, Carr House activities feature nature-related programs.

On May 21, nature photographer Brian Prescott will share slides and give pointers to backyard birders on how to identify wild birds found here.

Learn about a famous bookstore on a Willcox ranch on June 4 when Winifred Bundy tells how she built the Singing Wind Bookshop while ranching north of Benson.

Professional nature photographer Charles Melton will share his close ups of Hummingbirds on June 18.

Brochures listing upcoming presentations are available at the Carr House or at the Sierra Vista Ranger District, Coronado National Forest office at 5990 S. Highway 92, Hereford. Programs are also available at Ramsey Canyon Preserve, Coronado National Memorial, San Pedro House, Sierra Vista Public Library and at other popular public venues.

The Carr House is located approximately seven miles south of Sierra Vista.

Travel south on Highway 92. Turn right (west). Drive approximately 2.4 miles up Carr Canyon Road. After passing through a concrete-filled dip in the road, take the left fork of the road and follow it into the Carr Canyon parking lot.

The Friends of the Huachuca Mountains maintain and operate Carr House. The group is a non-profit volunteer organization that assists the Coronado National Forest in its stewardship of the Huachuca Mountains. Volunteers support programs that contribute to the conservation, protection and enhancement of the recreational resources found there. FOHM seeks volunteers to add enthusiasm, fresh ideas and new skills.

In addition to coordinating educational programs, the group assists with other projects to enhance public education and recreation experiences in the Huachuca Mountains.

For information about FOHM, call Ann at 366-5635 or Joan at 378-1563.



Soldiers sell their crafts during Cinco de Mayo celebration

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Blount, Company C, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, (left) looks on as Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Hairston, from the Noncommissioned Officers Academy, explains how he cuts out images using a scroll saw. Blount makes the wooden frames for the images. The duo sold their creations to patrons at the Cinco de Mayo celebration held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at Veterans Memorial Park in Sierra Vista.

Photo by Rob Martinez

International Migratory Bird Day planned

The Friends of the San Pedro River, Bureau of Land Management, the Sonoran Joint Venture and others will celebrate International Migratory Bird Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the San Pedro House. At 3 p.m. the group will honor Congressman Jim Kolbe for his efforts to conserve the San Pedro River. The San Pedro House is located just off State Route 90, 8 mile east of Sierra Vista.

For more information visit www.sonoranjv.org.

Smooth Move for Kids

Army Community Service will offer the "Smooth Move for Kids" workshop at 10 a.m., Tuesday at the ACS Building 50010.

The workshop is designed to help ease the anxiety for children and make moving easier for everyone.

The class is free, but please register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Sierra Vista American Youth Football and registration underway

Sierra Vista American Youth Football 2006 season registration for youth 5-14 takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and May 20 at Big 5 Sporting Goods, Highway 92 and Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista.

For more information call 458-2320 or e-mail southfootball@cox.net. Or, visit the Web site at SVAYFC.COM.

Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society plans tour

Skeleton Canyon, the Geronimo surrender site, is the featured location of a historic tour Saturday. The tour is an exclusive event, as the site is not open to the public. Limit is 100 participants. Cost is \$20 per person.

The tour also includes Devil's Kitchen. Tour participants will meet at the Geronimo Surrender Monument, located in Apache, Ariz., on Highway 80 between Douglas, Arizona and Rodeo, N.M., at 10 a.m. Arizona time.

Plan ample travel time to arrive by 10 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch and water. Call 520-384-3397 for reservations or e-mail Louise618@gmail.com by Tuesday. Make checks payable to Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society, 127 E. Maley, Willcox, AZ 85643.

Be a local tourist on May 20

In a dual celebration of National Tourism Week and National Public Works Week, on May 20, the City of Sierra Vista will host three public events.

The morning starts off at the Environmental Operations Park on Highway 90. Participants should plan to meet docents from the Friends of the San Pedro at the viewing platform in the Park at 7 a.m. for a bird walk lasting approximately two hours and a chance to win a bird identification guide.

From 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., the Public Works Department will host an open house at the Pedro Castro Government Maintenance Center at 401 Giulio Cesare. They will offer free vehicle inspections, hotdogs and sodas, prizes, and the chance to win two round-trip tickets on Great Lakes Airlines. In addition, they plan to showcase their facility and equipment they use and maintain every day, including everything from giant trucks to a helicopter.

Another special event will be held at the Visitor Center at the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, 3020 E. Tacoma Street, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Attendees can browse the center and learn what attractions and events are part of the community, and can take away brochures and information to share with their future guests. There will be snacks, gifts, and the chance to win free passes to the Cove.

For additional information, call the Sierra Vista Convention and Visitors Bureau at 417-6960.

Free vehicle service offered May 20

Lawley Automotive is offering free oil/filter/safety inspections for all service members, dependents and retirees on May 20 at their dealership from 8 a.m. to noon, and from 1-5 p.m., by appointment. To schedule, call 452-6900. The dealership is located at 100 N. Highway 90, Sierra Vista.

Commissary plans case lot sale

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will have a case-lot sale on May 19, 20 and 21 during regular store hours. At case lot sales, patrons can buy bulk quantities of their favorite products and save as much as 50 percent above normal commissary savings.

Some of the items that will be featured in the sale are: paper goods, canned goods, cleaning supplies, health and beauty items and more. There will also be a large assortment of club pack products at reduced prices.

Bike ride celebrates Sierra Vista anniversary

Celebrate the City of Sierra Vista's 50th anniversary May 27 with a fun bike ride starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway entrance to Veterans Memorial Park, Sierra Vista. Riders may choose from four routes: 10, 18, 30 and 50 miles. The 30- and 50-mile routes include roads on Fort Huachuca.

All riders must register at the Apache Middle School parking lot before starting. To reduce congestion, longer rides will start first.

For information, call John Wettack at 378-6353.

Huachuca Art Association to offer classes for aspiring artists

The Huachuca Art Association will offer art classes for adults. June workshops include Intermediate Oil Painting and Water Soluble Color Pencils (Beginner to Intermediate). For more information about these and other workshops, call Patrice at 803-7661.

Willcox historic days

On May 20, Celebrate the history and culture of the Sulphur Springs Valley at an all-day celebration in Railroad Park and the Historic Railroad Avenue District of Willcox. Festivities begin at 9:30 a.m., with Miss Arizona singing the national anthem at the Willcox Depot. Enjoy a vintage car show, music in the park, roaming mariachis, arts and

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theatre for the next week are:

Today -7 p.m.

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Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

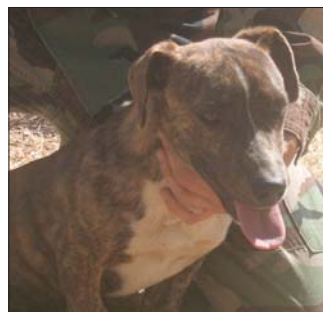
Watch CAC

For the latest news on the Fort Huachuca community as well as all of your military branches worldwide, the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) is your first and most reliable source.

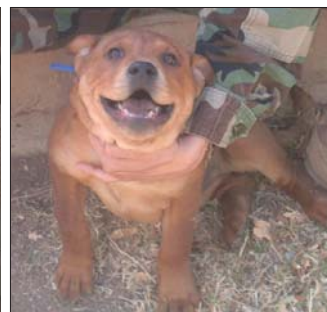
The Scout will notify the community of the return of the Fort Report and until then, keep tuned to the CAC for other pertinent post information.



Pets Of The Week



Flash is a 1-year-old lab/boxer mix.



Oscar is a Jack Rusull mix, about on year old. Photos by Pfc. Chris Treftz, Veterinary Clinic.

These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forthuachucapetfinder.com. In accordance with Army regulation, stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.

International Migratory Bird Day planned

The Friends of the San Pedro River, Bureau of Land Management, the Sonoran Joint Venture and others will celebrate International Migratory Bird Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the San Pedro House. At 3 p.m. the group will honor Congressman Jim Kolbe for his efforts to conserve the San Pedro River. The San Pedro House is located just off State Route 90, 8 mile east of Sierra Vista.

For more information visit www.sonoranjv.org.

Smooth Move for Kids

Army Community Service will offer the "Smooth Move for Kids" workshop at 10 a.m., Tuesday at the ACS Building 50010.

The workshop is designed to help ease the anxiety for children and make moving easier for everyone.

The class is free, but please register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Sierra Vista American Youth Football and registration underway

Sierra Vista American Youth Football 2006 season registration for youth 5-14 takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and May 20 at Big 5 Sporting Goods, Highway 92 and Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista.

For more information call 458-2320 or e-mail svyouthfootball@cox.net. Or, visit the Web site at SVAYFC.COM.

Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society plans tour

Skeleton Canyon, the Geronimo surrender site, is the featured location of a historic tour Saturday. The tour is an exclusive event, as the site is not open to the public. Limit is 100 participants. Cost is \$20 per person.

The tour also includes Devil's Kitchen. Tour participants will meet at the Geronimo Surrender Monument, located in Apache, Ariz., on Highway 80 between Douglas, Arizona and Rodeo, N.M., at 10 a.m. Arizona time.

Plan ample travel time to arrive by 10 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch and water. Call 520-384-3397 for reservations or e-mail Louise618@gmail.com by Tuesday. Make checks payable to Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society, 127 E. Maley, Willcox, AZ 85643.

Be a local tourist on May 20

In a dual celebration of National Tourism Week and National Public Works Week, on May 20, the City of Sierra Vista will host three public events.

The morning starts off at the Environmental Operations Park on Highway 90. Participants should plan to meet docents from the Friends of the San Pedro at the viewing platform in the Park at 7 a.m. for a bird walk lasting approximately two hours and a chance to win a bird identification guide.

From 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., the Public Works Department will host an open house at the Pedro Castro Government Maintenance Center at 401 Giulio Cesare. They will offer free vehicle inspections, hot-dogs and sodas, prizes, and the chance to win two round-trip tickets on Great Lakes Airlines. In addition, they plan to showcase their facility and equipment they use and maintain every day, including everything from giant trucks to a helicopter.

Another special event will be held at the Visitor Center at the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, 3020 E. Tacoma Street, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Attendees can browse the center and learn what attractions and events are part of the community, and can take away brochures and information to share with their future guests. There will be snacks, gifts, and the chance to win free passes to the Cove.

For additional information, call the Sierra Vista Convention and Visitors Bureau at 417-6960.

Free vehicle service offered May 20

Lawley Automotive is offering free oil/filter/safety inspections for all service members, dependents and retirees on May 20 at their dealership from 8 a.m. to noon, and from 1-5 p.m., by appointment. To schedule, call 452-6900. The dealership is located at 100 N. Highway 90, Sierra Vista.

Commissary plans case lot sale

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will have a case-lot sale on May 19, 20 and 21 during regular store hours. At case lot sales, patrons can buy bulk quantities of their favorite products and save as much as 50 percent above normal commissary savings.

Some of the items that will be featured in the sale are: paper goods, canned goods, cleaning supplies, health and beauty items and more. There will also be a large assortment of club pack products at reduced prices.

Bike ride celebrates Sierra Vista anniversary

Celebrate the City of Sierra Vista's 50th anniversary May 27 with a fun bike ride starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway entrance to Veterans Memorial Park, Sierra Vista. Riders may choose from four routes: 10, 18, 30 and 50 miles. The 30- and 50-mile routes include roads on Fort Huachuca.

All riders must register at the Apache Middle School parking lot before starting. To reduce congestion, longer rides will start first.

For information, call John Wettack at 378-6353.

Huachuca Art Association to offer classes for aspiring artists

The Huachuca Art Association will offer art classes for adults. June workshops include Intermediate Oil Painting and Water Soluble Color Pencils (Beginner to Intermediate). For more information about these and other workshops, call Patrice at 803-7661.

Willcox historic days

On May 20, Celebrate the history and culture of the Sulphur Springs Valley at an all-day celebration in Railroad Park and the Historic Railroad Avenue District of Willcox. Festivities begin at 9:30 a.m., with Miss Arizona singing the national anthem at the Willcox Depot. Enjoy a vintage car show, music in the park, roaming mariachis, arts and crafts markets, farmer's market, petting zoo, children's face painting and crafts, hay rides, historic presentations, free museum admission, and more.

For information, contact Louise Henderson, Louise618@gmail.com or call (520) 253-0247.

Youth sports camp planned

The Sierra Vista Department of Parks and Leisure Service is hosting the Summer Start Sports Camp June 3 from 9 to 10 a.m. at Apache Middle School, 3305 E. Fry Blvd., Sierra Vista. The program is designed to help motivate and develop athletic abilities for girls and boys 3 to 5. Registration is at the Cove Aquatic Center at 2900 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and begins May 1. Cost is \$35 per child.

For more information, e-mail jkling@ci.sierra-vista.az.us or call (520) 417-4800.

Cochise County Youth Orchestra presents free concert Wednesday

Cochise County Youth Orchestra will present "Bach, Beatles and Bop," a free concert featuring an assortment of classical, pop, jazz and old-time fiddle music at 6 p.m. in the Mona Bishop Room, Sierra Vista Public Library, 2600 E. Tacoma Street.

The Cochise County Youth Orchestra is a "strings only" ensemble comprised of violins, violas and cellos. There are currently 14 members ranging from elementary to high school age.

For information, contact Diane Jones at 803-7452.

Garden club sale at Bisbee farmers market Saturday

The Bisbee Farmers Market is open in Vista Park from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. It is located at Vista Park, Bisbee. From Sierra Vista, take either State Route 92 or SR 90 then SR 80 to the Bisbee roundabout. Take the Bisbee Road exit and continue on to Vista Park on the left.

At this week's farmers market, the Sierra Vista Area Garden Club will hold their annual spring plant sale. Other vendors offer pastured meats, eggs, fresh vegetables, handmade soaps, jewelry, ceramics, carvings, and other crafts. Arrive early for the best selection and stay for a popular Mexican food lunch. Throughout the morning, enjoy the music of the Bost Family Bluegrass band.

For more information about the Bisbee Farmers Market, call 234-3306 or email jackcannon2005@msn.com.

Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club scholarship luncheon May 17th

Join the Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club on Wednesday to meet and honor this year's scholarship recipients at the annual Scholarship Luncheon at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center, Irwin Road, Fort Huachuca. Social hour begins at 10:30 a.m. and lunch is served at 11:30. Cost is \$10 per person.

At the luncheon, the FHSCS Scholarship Committee will award a record-breaking \$20,000 in scholarships to 30 high school seniors and military spouses who are continuing their education.

The We Care Project for May is Project Graduation. Please bring items that could be used in gift baskets for young adults starting out on their own, either in college or an apartment. Items could include gift cards, toiletries, office/school supplies, and laundry supplies, but no food or used items. All items can be brought to the luncheon and placed at the We Care table.

For reservations contact Victoria Glynn at 458-2475 or e-mail victoriaglynn@cox.net. The deadline for reservations is noon, Friday. On-site childcare is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reserve a spot for childcare with Victoria Glynn when making your luncheon reservation.

Hydrology 101 and Fort Huachuca water projects

On May 11, join Tom Runyon, Fort Huachuca hydrologist, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Mona Bishop Room, Sierra Vista Public Library, 2600 East Tacoma Street, Sierra Vista. Runyon will take the mystery out of hydrology and share details about the many water conservation projects on Fort Huachuca in layman's terms.

This program is one of the many monthly programs sponsored by the Southeast Arizona Volunteer Education Program. These programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call 378-1563.